

and said second disk, wherein said first disk is spaced apart from said second disk by only said powder.

10. (Amended) A method, comprising:  
providing at least a first disk and a second disk;  
stacking the first disk on the second disk; and  
providing a powder between a surface of the first disk and a surface of the  
second disk.

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#### REMARKS

The Examiner's Action mailed on September 10, 2002 has been received and its contents carefully noted.

In this Amendment, Applicants have amended claims 2, 9 and 10. Claims 1, 9 and 10 are the independent claims. Claims 1-20 remain pending in the application. For at least the following reasons, it is submitted that this application is in condition for allowance.

The Examiner's Action had rejected claims 10-20 under 35 USC Section 112, first paragraph, for not reciting each step involved in preparing a disk, including the necessary structure. Upon reviewing independent claim 10, it was noted that the preamble of the claim had recited simply a method of preparing a disk, but did not recite what the disk was being prepared for. It is presumed that this is the reason for the Examiner's rejection.